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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7764

BILL NUMBER: SB 418

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Fatality Investigations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a county or group of counties to establish a domestic violence fatality review team to investigate a homicide or suicide that may have resulted from domestic violence. It requires the review team to collect data related to deaths resulting from domestic violence. The bill also provides that persons who disclose confidential information to the review team are immune from civil and criminal liability for disclosing the information.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Additional costs for local units would depend on whether a county's legislative body adopts a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team or decides to join with one or more other counties to establish a team. Also, costs would vary by the number of domestic violence deaths in the county. The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a private organization, would be required to collect and document information surrounding deaths reviewed by local Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams and compile an annual report. The Coalition may charge an amount to offset the cost of copying reports for the public.

Background: The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team would be composed of 10 members. Team members would draw from a variety of experience, for example, a survivor of domestic violence, a county prosecuting attorney, an expert in pathology, and an employee of child protective services. Additional

member positions may be included in the county ordinance establishing the team from any of nine optional categories.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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